

# DR. COX TO WED F. B. HARRISON

Announcement Comes from France, Where Both Are Stopping, and It Causes Great Surprise in Social Circles.

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Francis Burton Harrison and Mrs. Mabel Judson Cox has come as a surprise to the society folk here and abroad, who did not know that Dr. Rowland Cox, Jr., and his beautiful wife were divorced.

The divorce proceedings that separated the talented young surgeon and the handsome young woman to whom he was married in December, 1901, were conducted with peculiar secrecy, not even the intimate friends of both families having an inkling of the suit, the facts being only made known to-day.

The couple took advantage of the opportunities for secrecy afforded by the long summer vacation in the courts and got the case quietly before a referee, N. J. Cox being named as plaintiff. John Quinn was appointed referee on Sept. 1, and on Sept. 13 Thomas F. Gilroy, Jr., counsel for Mrs. Cox, presented the referee's report to Justice Newburger, who granted the decree of divorce.

## Decree Favors Wife.

The report did not reveal the nature of the testimony simply stating that the conduct of Rowland Cox, Jr., had been such as to entitle his wife to an absolute divorce. Mrs. Cox's decree authorizes her to remarry, but forbids her husband to take another wife while she lives.

Justice Newburger awarded the custody of little Rowland Cox, Jr., to his mother from January to October, providing she turns the boy over to his father for the remainder of the year. This will hold until the boy is seven years old, when the mother is to have him for seven and the father for three months of each year. The child is now with Dr. Cox.

The interlocutory decree was signed by Justice Newburger on Sept. 20, maturing on Dec. 20, when Justice Fitzgerald affirmed the "N. J." to the papers making the order final. In the divorce proceedings the defendant was represented by his brother, Archibald Cox, of No. 229 Broadway.

According to a statement made to-day by a friend of the future bride, the Congressman-elect, a prominent society woman was named as co-respondent in the divorce suit, and because of her wealth and prominence only her initials were used on the papers. They were sealed by order of the Court and can never be opened to the public.

All that is known of the romance that will culminate early next year in the marriage of the widower and heir of Mary Croker Harrison was crushed to death by an overturning automobile in Long Island City on Nov. 25, 1905, in that they met about six years on a West Indian cruise last winter.

## Kept Secrecy All Round.

After returning from her tour Mrs. Cox informed her friends, though cautiously in a casual manner, of her acquaintance with the young widower and of her recent marriage. She also breathed a word abroad of any sudden attachment for the perceived young lawyer, suddenly she was silent, and upon the death of his wife, nor did her husband inform his friends of the strange relation that had led them to the divorce court.

Dr. Rowland Cox, Jr., is the son of the late Howard Cox, a prominent and wealthy physician of Plainfield, N. J. Before he met and wooed Mabel Louise Judson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Judson, of Brooklyn, he had an earlier love affair that ended tragically.

In the winter of 1898 he became engaged to Elizabeth Eastman, daughter of Clinton J. Colgate, a millionaire merchant, and his family. The following fall and preparations for the wedding were being made when the young girl shot and killed herself at her home.

The shooting occurred in her own room, and there was considerable mystery attached to the tragedy. The parents and friends maintained that the killing was accidental. The young woman had gone to her room and was alone when she was shot.

A year had not passed after the unhappy conclusion of his first romance when Dr. Cox met Miss Judson, who was considered at that time as the most beautiful young woman in the fashionable set of Brooklyn. Her parents were wealthy. The marriage ceremony was performed in the Second Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, on Dec. 11, 1901.

The young surgeon took his wife to live in the splendid summer home in Plainfield, N. J., where he had a winter home, New York, so his wife could be near her friends and take part in the multitude of social functions to which she was invited.

She Loved Society. Mrs. Cox, her friends declare, was passionately fond of the society and the social world, and she did not resign herself to humdrum domestic life. Her husband was a devoted husband, but he was not so devoted to her as she was to him.

He had a great deal of his time devoted to his medical work, and he was a great surgeon of Gouverneur Hospital. He had his offices in No. 41 West Forty-fourth street as well as in his home in Plainfield.

Early last spring, after her return from her tour in Southern waters, she noticed that Dr. Cox and his wife no longer appeared in public together. The society circles learned that they had separated.

# POLICE HUNT FOR DOUBLE OF MRS. TRAUTMAN

Capt. Schlottman Believes Hagan Has Confused Two Women.

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up in a cell? the Commissioner was asked.

"Yes, it would have been better," responded the Commissioner. "Some people are unfortunate enough to get bedeviled. Why, it might have been one of the 'Four Hundred.' Many people get into trouble who ought not to, but I'm here always to right a wrong, and I'll do the very best I can. I've been fooled so often, though, that I don't take this case up on the meagre reports that have come to me."

In their efforts to unravel the tangled story and to get at its true innards the police find themselves face to face with an unfathomable maze of cross-statements. Much of what Hagan says about himself is easily disproven. The discrepancies in Mrs. Trautman's stories also give the police food for thought, but her friends declare that some of these apparent contradictions are the result of errors on the part of the reporters, and that the rest of them should properly be attributed to the high state of excitement into which a good woman would naturally be thrown when arrested in so public and scandalous a manner and on such a shameful charge.

## No Woman Safe from Arrest.

At first blush it would seem that no woman, however pure, is safe from arrest in a New York story on the mere unsupported word of a stranger. In this particular case, where the whole issue, with all its momentous consequences, was put in the hands of a desk sergeant, it would appear that the woman, however innocent, had been disgraced, rather than the undersized, queer looking man who accused her.

Nevertheless it develops that under his instructions it was mandatory upon the sergeant, McCarthy, to look her up. Since then the task of sounding the stories of the two principals in this singular affair, and weighing the value of their claims, has kept the police busy. Yet the further they go the more confused they apparently become.

## The Statements About the Opera.

When arrested Mrs. Trautman said to McCarthy that on Saturday night at the time Hagan says he was lured into a hallway in Fifth avenue and robbed of \$15, she was at the Metropolitan Opera House with her husband. Later, she changed this statement and said that it was Friday night that she and her husband were at the opera.

Then came a statement from Dr. Trautman to the effect that he was not at the opera with his wife on either night, but was busy attending patients.

Now a third contradiction is forthcoming. Mrs. Trautman's music teacher, A. Carbone, positively declared to an Evening World reporter to-day that Dr. and Mrs. Trautman were at the opera on Friday night, for they came as his guests, and that they sat in a box with the rest of the party.

Another incident surprising to their friends developed when Dr. Trautman did not appear in court yesterday morning to defend his wife, although Dr. Trautman was at the Trautman home, No. 39 Lexington avenue, an hour before his wife was arraigned in the police court.

## No Effort to Prove Alibi.

When Mrs. Trautman was arraigned in court there was no effort to establish an alibi, yet it is said that she brought her maid, Kate Nevins, into court and that this maid could have been established without trouble and that it would have no delay in the hearing. This maid declares: "I know that Mrs. Trautman was at home Saturday night. She was ill and I was in the room with her."

Hagan says he was in the room with Mrs. Trautman, says that she meant to make an example of Hagan. She said: "Respectable women walking along

# Man Who Makes Charge Against Mrs. Trautman



the streets of New York have absolutely no protection from arrest and subsequent humiliation in cases of this kind, provided the police accept the word of irresponsible persons, as they did in my case."

## Dr. Trautman's Anger Rising.

James B. McGovern, a lawyer of No. 50 Court street, Brooklyn, speaking to-day for Dr. Trautman's close friend, August Janssen, said:

"Dr. Trautman was with a diphtheria patient until 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He is so wrapped up in his profession that he thinks more of the study of disease than of ordinary affairs of life, but it is wrong to say that he did not try to be present at his wife's arraignment yesterday. He reached court at 12 M., only to find that the case had been continued until Thursday. He had been told that 10:30 was the hour when it would be called."

Dr. Trautman is becoming very angry over the charge made by Hagan. To-day he said:

## Find Where Hagan Lives.

An Evening World reporter has finally located Hagan's residence. The little man with the big glasses who actually was the first woman he met at the Twenty-third street, and takes his meals there, today Mrs. Hagan said:

"I know little about Mr. Hagan. He is quiet and sober and always pays his bills regularly. He stays much to himself, doesn't talk with anybody about his house, and he has no friends. I do not know where he is employed. None of my lodgers or servants have heard of him, and nothing about him has been mentioned in this case in any way."

Hagan was employed several weeks last summer as a stenographer in the Fifth avenue doorway, although he gave up the place in July. The other clerks regarded him as being "stupid," but he was not.

Hagan still insisted to-day that it was Mrs. Trautman who robbed him in the Fifth avenue doorway, although he admitted he didn't know whether the woman had light hair or dark. He says that the woman, after emptying his pocketbook as she embraced him, stuffed the purse with bits of paper to make it plump and returned it to his pocket.

This is regarded as one of the weakest points in his tale, as the police say that it is inconceivable that a cultured woman like Mrs. Trautman would know this common dodge of the pickpocket, or be dumb enough to work it, even though it might be conceded that such a woman as she would accuse Hagan on the street.

"Mrs. Trautman and my wife were at the opera-house together on Friday night," said he. "I did not see Mrs. Trautman on Saturday as she told me that she was going out of town over Christmas. On Monday she was in my studio to take her music lesson and then, according to a rather vague memory, she told me she had been ill and unable to leave town."

Although Mrs. Trautman was untruthful when she appeared in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, when the case was set for tomorrow morning, she completely regained her composure and last night she and her husband attended a house party given by August Janssen at his country home in Great Neck, L. I. The Trautmans went in a big touring car.

Osceola, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria and formerly its chief, accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Trautman to the Janssen house party last night. Others in the party were Mrs. Tschick and Mrs. and Mrs. Ruffolo, Joelner, the famous chef said that no mention of the arrest was made at the house party. He said no one had even overheard or met Mrs. Trautman could imagine for a moment that she had ever in her life done anything wrong. Oscar was one of the attendants at the wedding of the Trautmans five years ago and is one of their closest friends.

As his hope in Great Neck, where he is still entertaining a party of twenty-five guests, Mr. Janssen said: "Everybody of the ladies who are my guests are willing to go up to New York tomorrow, armed with dog whips, and teach this fellow Hagan, who had Mrs. Trautman arrested, something he isn't likely to forget. And their husbands and myself will go along with Mrs. Trautman. I shall give Hagan such a

## DIED.

CHILD.—On Dec. 24, MARGARET E. be- loved daughter of Patrick J. and Johanna Child (nee Carey), at residence, No. 15 6th St., New Brighton, N. Y.

Funeral from St. Peter's Church, New Brighton, on Thursday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

# ECHO OF HOLIDAY ON SAN JUAN HILL

Fifteen Negroes Rounded Up After Fight and One Is Fined and Another Held.

The raw ingredients of a San Juan Hill riot were presented according to the police, in fourteen West Indian negroes lined up before Magistrate Cornell in the West Side Court this afternoon. The lone complainant was Robert Westey, an American negro, who displayed a bandaged thumb, saying that members had been nearly cut off with a razor by Philip Peters, while the others had kicked him.

All hands were arrested at the big flat house No. 231-1/2 West Sixty-first street. The police reserves were needed to round them up, and the seasoned patrolmen said they arrived just in time to prevent a Christmas night riot that might have swept the black belt with ruin and ruin.

"These American negroes started the trouble," said the wife of Peters. They said they were going to kill the monkey chasers. On inquiry Magistrate Cornell learned that the arguments of two colored lawyers, Magistrate Cornell held Peters in jail for trial and fined Peter Douglas, another West Indian, \$10 for assault. The others were discharged.

## FAIR GROUNDS ENTRIES.

(Special to The Evening World.) FAIR GROUNDS NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

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